

410-Acre Research Park Planned in Palos Verdes

Plans for a \$40-50 million science and research park in the Radar Hill area of the Palos Verdes Peninsula were unveiled last week by the Great Lakes Carbon Corp. owner of the property. The proposed new science center would be located on the 410-acre site northwest of the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Rd. and extending to Hawthorne Blvd. It will be known as the Palos Verdes Research Park.

Building sites in the new "university atmosphere" park would be offered for sale or lease to various firms engaging in a scientific research.

Zone Change
Great Lakes Properties, Inc., of Rolling Hills, a subsidiary, is implementing the plans. The firm indicated that although most of the present area is zoned for diatomaceous earth quarrying, a new scientific research and development zoning would be sought for the area. The new SR-D zone recently was set up by the Board of Supervisors.

The new zoning would prohibit industrial production and limit activities to those concerned with basic and applied research and development.

Future Eyed
When the change in zoning is completed, the property involved will be transferred to Great Lakes Properties, Inc. to arrange for the sale or lease of building sites in the park

and provide long-term administrative control.

Great Lakes Properties, Inc. is under the direction of Ivar O. Hanson, general manager, and is now established with offices at 2 Portuguese Bend Rd. in Rolling Hills.

Completion of the proposed park would be expected to require several years. However, orderly development would be guided by a nation-wide study recently conducted by Stanford Research Institute to determine the essential requirements and planning factors for establishing a research park in Palos Verdes. In addition, the firm of Victor Gruen Associates, architects and community planners has been retained to prepare land use designs incorporating the basic planning considerations set forth in the Stanford Research Institute report.

Restrictions
Restrictions and covenants

applying to development of individual sites in the park will include minimum lot area, lot width and building coverage, street and property line setbacks, location of off-street parking, building heights and landscaping.

All manufacturing will be prohibited except for the development of prototypes. Strict controls will be established to avoid nuisances such as noise, vibration, odors and smoke, the firm said.

Roads Planned
The basic layout of the Research Park has been established to insure adequate roads and off-street parking areas. Roads within the park are planned to discourage through traffic, yet will connect with main thoroughfares. The entire park will be surrounded by a landscaped green belt.

To assure an open, campus-like atmosphere within the park, research buildings will be permitted to occupy a maximum of 35 per cent of the available lot area. In addition to facilities erected by individual firms, provision will also be made to accommodate various common service facilities such as restaurants, auditorium and lecture rooms and recreational areas within the research park itself.

Bow, Arrows Stolen

A bow, quiver and 15 arrows were reported stolen from a garage belonging to Robert Howard, 5049 Deelane Ave., according to city police. The equipment was valued at \$100.

Store Awning Slashed

Vandals slashed an awning in front of a store at El Prado and Sartori Ave., police reported Thursday. Damage was estimated at \$100.



L/IL MR. 1958 . . . The new year was only 39 minutes old when the first baby of the year made his appearance at Torrance Memorial Hospital. He was 5-lb. 14-oz. Michael Herman Forester, born to Mrs. Charles Forester, 21108 S. Berendo. The proud papa, with the Air Force in the South Pacific, learned of the new arrival by cable. He is their third child. (Herald Photo)

South Torrance Lions to Move

Members of the South Torrance Lions Club were being notified by President Dave Tanner this week that a new meeting place would be initiated Wednesday morning, Jan. 8.

The breakfast club, which meets at 7 a.m. each Wednesday, will meet at Coffe Dan's, 1760 Pacific Coast Hwy., he said. Closing of their previous meeting place necessitated a change, according to Tanner.

Chartering of the new Lions club is expected about Feb. 1 with 25 to 30 members.

Burglary Nets \$40

An estimated \$40 in small change was reported missing from Con-Block Co., 20703 Hawthorne Ave.

The burglary was discovered Friday morning, according to Torrance police.

Savings Firm Reports Gain In Resources

Although competition for savings has been exceedingly heavy during the past year, American Savings & Loan Assn. with nine offices in the Greater Los Angeles area, boosted its total resources to \$147,632,000 for a 27 per cent gain in 1957, said S. Mark Taper, chairman of the board of directors.

In the association's annual report, Taper said that American Savings now serves over 60,000 account holders, the highest number in the institution's 38-year history.

Summarizing American Savings' 1957 operation, Taper reported nearly \$7 million in home loans recorded during the month of December bringing the association's total residential mortgage portfolio to \$128,000,000, a 25 per cent increase for the year. Interest paid was up over \$1 million to an all-time high of nearly \$4,000,000 for the year. Reserves were increased to \$12,246,000 and now exceed reserves on hand at the beginning of 1957 by \$3,229,000, an increase of 35 per cent.

Taper noted that both the prospects for increased savings and the availability of home credit will be more favorable in 1958. He predicted that renewed defense spending and new vigor in the housing industry, especially in larger homes for families with rising incomes would be of great benefit to the Southland economy.

In addition to the home office in Whittier, American Savings branches are located in E. Whittier, Norwalk, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Montrose, Temple City, Azusa and La Puente.



PLATINUM SNOW . . . C. W. Wall isn't walking on snow but is guiding the platinum catalyst into the new catalytic reformer at General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance Refinery. He wears snowshoe-like shoes to keep from crushing the valuable platinum pellets. This is a rare photograph because once the vessels are filled and the reformer is put into operation, the catalyst will be changed at infrequent intervals.

Snowshoes Needed for Platinum Snowstorm at Torrance Refinery

It was snowing platinum at General Petroleum Corporation's new catalytic reformer at Torrance the other day. In fact some of the men who were loading the catalyst into the reformer's reactors had to wear "snowshoes."

This was another step toward the eventual going "on stream" of General Petroleum's Torrance catalytic reformer.

The platinum catalyst, which is in the form of rice-like pellets, was poured into each of the three reactors. This was a 24-hour operation which involved lowering a man into one of the spherical vessels to spread the catalyst. So the valuable pellets wouldn't be crushed, the man inside the reactor had to wear snowshoe-like foot coverings.

The reformer's purpose is to improve the straight-run gasoline by treatment at high pressure and high temperatures in the presence of the platinum catalyst.

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"It's a pity that people can't exchange problems. Everyone knows how to solve the other fellow's."

SCHOOL BANDS
U. S. schools had about 40,000 bands in 1956.

LAW IN ACTION

Quirks in the Law

Otherwise sound laws sometimes get in each other's way to cause injustices.

Take, for example, four of them:

1. An innocent person, say in an automobile accident, is entitled to collect damages from those who negligently or intentionally caused his injuries.

2. A person whose own lack of due care has brought about his injury has no claim against another whose similar negligence contributed to the accident.

3. No one should gain from his own wrongdoing.

4. Except for gifts or inheritances both man and wife share alike in property which either acquire after marriage. Such "community property," as a rule, would include court awards, say in a personal injury case.

With these four ideas in mind, what would happen if a man's wife were injured and both the husband and the other driver were at fault? (Say the husband was speeding, and the other driver had gone through a red signal.)

Well, neither driver, of course, would have any claim against the other; both had a hand in the crash. But, alas, neither could the innocent

injured wife collect damages. Why? Her husband would gain from his own wrongdoing by sharing as community property in the money she would collect from the other driver.

Only if the crash killed the husband, who then would not gain, could his injured wife have a claim against the other driver.

Our lawmakers at Sacramento tackled this problem and made such awards or out-of-court settlements "separate property." After Jan. 1, 1958, they go directly to the innocent injured wife, but as separate property not to be shared by her negligent husband.

Of course, if the wife were driving without due care, and the husband were injured in such a crash, his award would also be separate property to him.

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